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OCT 05 2016

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: E-19J

Ms. Kellie Doherty
Rye Development
745 Atlantic Avenue, 8th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02111

Re: **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST EPA-R5-2016-010156**

Dear Ms. Doherty:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is responding to a FOIA request for information dated August 31, 2016 concerning the Dashiels Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project (**FERC No. P-14524 Dashiels Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project**). The proposed project would be located on an existing dam owned by the Army Corps of Engineers – Pittsburgh District on the Ohio River. While your inquiry is being handled as a FOIA request, our response also serves as scoping comments pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The August 2016 letter requests information EPA may have regarding environmental resources in the project area. We recommend Rye Development access several databases to obtain environmental information pertaining to the project area:

EnviroMapper¹: <https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/waters-watershed-assessment-tracking-environmental-results-system>

Envirofacts²: <https://www3.epa.gov/enviro/facts/multisystem.html>

EJSCREEN: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

NEPAssist³: <https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist>

303(3) Listed Impaired Waters: <https://www.epa.gov/exposure-assessment-models/303d-listed-impaired-waters>

National Ambient Air Quality Standards status: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/naaqs.aspx>

¹ The Watershed Assessment, Tracking & Environmental Results System (WATERS) unites water quality information previously available only from several independent and unconnected databases.

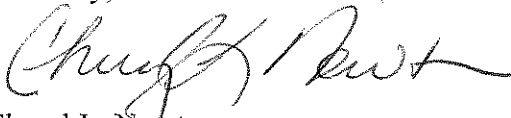
² Includes enforcement and compliance information

³ NEPAssist is a tool that facilitates the environmental review process and project planning in relation to environmental considerations. The web-based application draws environmental data dynamically from EPA Geographic Information System databases and web services and provides immediate screening of environmental assessment indicators for a user-defined area of interest. These features contribute to a streamlined review process that potentially raises important environmental issues at the earliest stages of project development.

This letter concludes our response to your FOIA request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals *received* after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202)566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, 301-837-1996 or 1-877-684-6448; and fax, 301-837-0348.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input at the earliest stages of NEPA project preparation. Please send one copy of future NEPA-related correspondence regarding this project to Kenneth Westlake, Chief, NEPA Implementation Section, at the address shown in the letterhead. If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Kathleen Kowal of my staff at (312) 353-5206 or via email at kowal.kathleen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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